

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Practically No Alternative

THE Anglo-Japanese payments agreement has shown every sign of generating the political heat which was expected from it, and it comes as no surprise that the Socialist Opposition has tabled a motion for House of Commons debate on the subject. Undoubtedly the terms of the agreement provide the Opposition with many promising sticks with which to beat the Government. The spectre of unemployment in Lancashire as a direct result of unfair Japanese trade practices is a time-honoured source of political capital, for Lancashire is a vital political area for both parties. The Government, however, has a good case. Superficially it is possible to represent the Government as having jettisoned a sterling surplus of £110 million. But what was the alternative? Japan could not have continued indefinitely to run a deficit of these proportions with the sterling area. She would have been compelled to reduce her purchases of sterling area commodities and British manufactures to a level which she was able to finance by her exports to the sterling area.

HAD the Government taken a different course and allowed trade with Japan to decline it could rightly have been accused of restrictionism and lack of courage. At a time when it is of very great importance that trade in sterling should be expanded such a decision would have been a deliberate withdrawal from world trade to the extent of some £100 million—both ways. This would certainly not have been a courageous decision from a Government pledged to the political emancipation and economic development of its colonies. The suggestion that the function of the colonies is to provide sheltered markets for Lancashire textiles must be firmly resisted. But apart from general questions of principle, it is far from certain that the relaxation of import restrictions against Japanese goods will have the far-reaching effects which are so widely anticipated. In any event it is up to Lancashire to concentrate her energies on further improving her productive efficiency rather than dissipate it in a struggle for official protection.

# ABORTIVE SECRET SESSION AT BERLIN

## No Progress In Parleys On Korea Or Indo-China MOVING ON TO AUSTRIAN ISSUE

Berlin, Feb. 8. The Big Four Foreign Ministers, in a futile four-hour secret session, today failed to bring a peace settlement in Korea or Indo-China any nearer in sight.

The only agreements they reached were to: 1. Return tomorrow to the hopelessly-deadlocked open debate on Germany after secret talks showed there was no possibility of an East-West agreement on any other issues. 2. Begin discussion of the bogged-down Austrian peace treaty by Friday at the latest. Western diplomats expected the Austrian question actually would be taken up by Wednesday or Thursday following the arrival here of the Austrian Foreign Minister, Leopold Figl.

The four Foreign Ministers, with three advisers each, met in strict secrecy at the former Allied Control Authority building in the United States sector. Only a terse communiqué was issued afterwards, announcing the decision to switch over to Austria by Friday.

However, it was learned from reliable sources that the greater part of the meeting was taken up with discussion of a possible Far Eastern peace settlement.

The debate was touched off by a renewal by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, of Russia's demand for a Big Five global peace parley with Red China.

### IDEA REJECTED

According to these sources, the three Western Ministers again rejected the idea of any conference with the Chinese Communists on global problems.

However, all three Western Ministers were said to have urged Mr. Molotov to use his "good offices" to press the Chinese Reds to get down to serious discussion of a Korean peace settlement and to cease sending arms and assistance to the Vietnamese rebels in Indo-China.

## Workers And Police Clash In E. Germany

Berlin, Feb. 8. Clashes between rebellious East German workers and Communist police were reported in the Soviet Zone of Germany today as the Reds moved to smother the rumblings of a new revolt. The Northwest German Radio said Communist secret police swooped down under cover of darkness to confiscate pamphlets calling for unification of East and West Germany. The broadcast, made from West Berlin, said Red agents were entering East German homes and carrying out a "wave of arrests."

The broadcast said suspected rebels were rounded up in "numerous Soviet Zone cities" and that clashes occurred between police and workers in the East German cities of Erfurt and Suhl, where 31 rebels were arrested.

Unrest was said to be mounting also in Merseburg, where workers in refineries and artificial rubber plants put up banners demanding free elections. The broadcasts said Communist "action squads" rushed to the factories and ripped the banners down. The Merseburg plants were central points of activity during the East German uprising last June 17.

In the Soviet Zone city of Dessau, workers were summoned to a Red rally but refused to sign petitions backing the Soviet position on Germany and the Reds were forced to break up the meeting.

The broadcasts supported growing indications that the Communists are engaged in an all-out campaign to crush stirrings of unrest during the Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting in Berlin.

East German newspapers reported widespread purges of "enemies" and "bandits" within the Communist Party as security measures were tightened throughout the Soviet Zone.—United Press.

## Sig. Scelba Wins Some Support

Rome, Feb. 8. Premier-designate Mario Scelba boosted his chances of forming a coalition Government for Italy tonight when he won the consent of the Social Democrats and Liberals to participate in his Cabinet.

The Cabinet of the 52-year-old Christian Democrat, who served five years as Minister of the Interior under the veteran statesman Alcide de Gasperi, will include three or four Social Democrats.

Both the Monarchists and the left-wing Parties, however, continued to oppose the designation of Signor Scelba, who was the Christian Democrats' second choice after ex-Premier de Gasperi had declined the office. Signor Scelba, whose Government was expected to be slightly toward the left, was tonight still seeking a coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans.

### ONE CONDITION

The Social Democrats had agreed to support him on condition that his Ministers would first be approved by them and his Government would carry out a socially advanced programme.

Although the Social Democrats have accepted the proposed coalition, their leader, Signor Giuseppe Saragat, had declined a Cabinet post because of his duties as the Party's secretary-general.

Earlier today the Premier-designate had told reporters: "The Government I intend to form will first of all aim at again building confidence among Italians and friendly countries in the stability of the democratic regime in order to realize a social and economic programme, ensuring better living conditions."—France Press.

## New GOC For Hongkong

London, Feb. 8. Major-General C. S. Sugden, CB, CBE, chief of staff of the British Army and the Rhine, has been named Commander of British forces in Hongkong with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-General, the Ministry of Defence announced tonight.

Gen. Sugden, who will take up his new post in May, succeeds Lt.-Gen. Sir Terence Airey.—France Press.

The Western delegates entered the secret meeting without any real hope of agreement, and they came out of it convinced that there was no hope left of any broad cold war settlement with the Russians here in Berlin.

"The Ministers went right through the entire gamut of proposals on the Far East and Germany without seeing a glimmering of hope that agreement could be reached," said one Western source.

In this mood the Ministers agreed to go back to the deadlocked German debate tomorrow with the prospect either of reaching the same subjects discussed all last week or of hearing new Soviet propaganda proposals like the last delivered by Mr. Molotov last week.

The Ministers meet again for their next session at 2 p.m. tomorrow. They will discuss Germany, probably for a couple of days, and then switch over to the Austrian peace treaty.—United Press.



Ice Floes In Essex River



The great freeze in Britain at the end of last month spread even to the rivers and, as top picture shows, on the frozen-over River Crouch at Battlebridge, Essex, 18 miles from the river mouth, two men in some ice-breaking from a barge. The snow also brought fun for the young people. The girl in the photo above being the target for a well aimed snowball which caught her just below the ear.—London Express Photos.

## British Oilmen To Visit Abadan

London, Feb. 9. American and British oil technicians will leave London by air today on a week's visit to Abadan and other oil areas of Southern Persia, it was announced here last night.

They include experts from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and several major American oil concerns.

The Persian Government has authorized the visit for survey purposes.

This is the first time British oil men have been allowed in the Persian oilfields since the industry was nationalized and British interests ejected from the country, leaving behind the world's biggest refinery they had built up at Abadan.

The American companies represented on the coming tour are:

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Socony Vacuum, the Standard Oil Company of California, the Gulf Oil Company and the Texas Company. Royal Dutch, Shell and the Compagnie Française des Petroles will also be represented.

A statement by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company yesterday said the party is expected to reach Abadan on February 11.

A usually reliable source said the party leaving for Abadan today will consist of 20 technical experts—six of them from the Anglo-Iranian Company.

They will represent the delegates of the eight companies now working in London, and will report back to their principals on their return from South Persia. Meanwhile the talks here will continue.

Main talks of the experts will be to survey the \$200 million Abadan Refinery, oil wells and pipelines, and estimate how long they will last.—United Press.

## Police Break Up Disorderly Crowd

New York, Feb. 8. The police broke up a demonstration by 1,500 Jewish Rabbis and lay leaders in front of the Israeli Consulate today when their protest against the conscription of women in Israel threatened to get out of hand.

The chanting, boisterous crowd jammed into the entire City block in which the Consulate building is located. Motor traffic was stopped and other pedestrians had great difficulty getting through the shoving demonstrators.

The demonstration, sponsored by the US National Committee to Repeal the Women's Draft in Israel, was scheduled to last two hours. But police broke it up shortly before 4 p.m., less than an hour after it began.

A fist fight was narrowly averted when a Rabbi got into a heated argument with an unidentified member of the Consulate staff on the steps of the three-story building. Police and Committee officials restrained the two men.

Finally, the crowd disbanded at police insistence.

### FIVE SPEECHES

Most of the crowd walked around the square block, however, and returned to the street on which the Consulate is located. They were more orderly the second time and the police allowed them to stay long enough for five of the men to make speeches.

The five stood on top of cars parked in the street and spoke in Hebrew. They attacked conscription as a "defiling of Jewish womanhood." After 20 minutes the police contingent was reinforced by another 10 men and forced all of the protesting group off the pavements and into the street. The policemen acted carefully but firmly.

Committee leaders joined the police in urging the Rabbis and laymen to go home. Even so some of them lingered.

Snow flurries that soon melted when the snow hit the pavement did not dampen the determined spirit of the crowd. The Consul did not emerge from the building and a spokesman said he would take no notice of the crowd. Whenever any person approached the door or window of the building, those in the crowd let out lusty boos.—United Press.

## More Trade Missions Off To Moscow

Moscow, Feb. 8. Two additional small groups of British businessmen are due to leave London for Moscow in search of Soviet orders for heavy electrical and cable equipment. It was learned from the British Embassy here tonight.

The Embassy, advised by London, expected the first group to leave for the Soviet capital late on Monday or Tuesday. The date of the departure of the second group was, as yet, unspecified.

It was anticipated here that these groups, added to the larger one that has been here for some days, would start a heavy flow of British businessmen towards Moscow to fill orders provided for in last week's £400 million sterling offer by the Soviet Union to buy British goods.

It was understood here that one additional contract was recently signed between the British businessmen and the Soviet authorities and that others were under serious consideration.

The main difficulty facing fulfilment of the Soviet buying programme was considered to be the problem of British purchases from the Soviet Union to counter-balance Russian purchases from Britain.—France Press.

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# GREEN LIGHT FOR US AID TO PAKISTAN

## National Security Council Agreement Reported

Washington, Feb. 8.

The United States Government is going ahead with its plan to give military aid to Pakistan, authoritative sources announced today. The United States intends to conclude a military aid agreement with Pakistan within the near future and steps toward that end are being taken.

There are indications that some official announcement of the planned agreement may be forthcoming shortly.

### Accused Of Being Djilas Supporter

Yugoslav Red Kills Himself

Belgrade, Feb. 8.

A member of the Croatian Communist Party Central Committee, Guste Sprljan, has committed suicide after being accused by the party leadership of being a supporter of the purged national leader, Milovan Djilas, usually reliable sources said today.

His death was reported briefly on January 27 in the Belgrade newspaper Politika, which said his funeral had taken place but did not mention how he died.

Until today there has been no suggestion that he was in conflict with the Communist leadership. Reports available today of a speech that Sprljan made to the Croatian Party Central Committee on January 23, just before his death, disclosed he was the anonymous author of a newspaper article saying that the Communist Party had now fulfilled its revolutionary task and suggested that it could be "confined to a museum" while the impetus of political activity devolved on the Government's mass organization, the Social Alliance, which he said already duplicated Communist Party activities in many cases.—Reuter.

### Chinese Minister In Berlin?

London, Feb. 8.

The Foreign Office today disclaimed all knowledge, official or unofficial, of the reported presence in Berlin of the Chinese Communist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Wang Tsia-tung.

East German sources stated that Wang had an interview in Berlin at the end of last week with the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, of France-Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Accident (6).
  - Polite (5).
  - Vehicle (5).
  - Follows (6).
  - Damp (5).
  - Guide (5).
  - Thought (4).
  - Reposes (5).
  - Hinder (5).
  - Extend (5).
  - Piece of meat (5).
  - Flashed (4).
  - Show in (5).
  - Musical time (5).
  - Boring tools (5).
  - Revolve (5).
  - Worship (5).
  - Tried out (5).
- DOWN**
- Assembles (6).
  - State of anxiety (5).
  - Inspires with reverence (4).
  - Recreation (7).
  - Sluck together (7).
  - Hardened (5).
  - Fool (5).
  - Silt (5).
  - Assumed (5).
  - Tedious (7).
  - Procession (7).
  - Destitute person (5).
  - Tendency (5).
  - Discourteous (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Tail, 7 Rapid, 8 Arab, 9 King, 10 Muddled, 12 8-rod, 15 Laps, 18 West, 19 April, 21 Class, 22 Snap, 23 Evict, 24 Mien, 25 Erected, 30 Ace, 31 Clay, 32 Merit, 33 Slow, Down: 1 Vague, 2 Riddles, 4 Abide, 5 Lazy, 6 Pale, 9 Rept, 11 Lapse, 13 Harp, 14 Dull, 15 Lance, 17 Scum, 18 Wave, 20 Patches, 22 Bire, 24 Vague, 25 Begin, 27 Tide, 28 Maps.



This very unusual picture was taken in St. James' Park, London, as office workers have an ice-hockey session with Buckingham Palace in the background. — Express Photo.

## "McCarthy-Man" McLeod Roots Out 300 "Security Risks" From State Department

Washington, Feb. 8.

A top-ranking State Department security officer, Mr. Scott McLeod, said today 300 "security risks" resigned or were fired from the Department last year.

The former FBI agent, a controversial figure in the Administration, also said much of the criticism aimed at him was caused by the "hysterical endorsement" that his friend Joe McCarthy gave him the right after my appointment.

"As you know, there is an almost pathological hatred of Senator McCarthy in some quarters," Mr. McLeod said in a copy-

righted interview with the United States News & World Report, a weekly magazine.

He said Senator McCarthy had "absolutely nothing" to do with his appointment, which, he said, was made on the recommendation of the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Donald B. Loring.

Since 1947, Mr. McLeod said, 300 homosexuals have been dismissed from the State Department. However, he refused to give any breakdown in the 800 "terminations" last year. A security risk covers everything from subversion to drunkenness, sex perversion, or loose talking.

### CLAIM NOT VALID

Mr. McLeod said that he did not know why five former diplomats recently wrote a letter charging that the State Department's morale was being lowered by his security procedures.

"In my judgment, the morale in the Foreign Service is pretty high.... The claim that security procedure here is lowering morale is not valid," he said.

One trouble with the "mass" in the State Department, Mr. McLeod said, was that in the past derogatory information on employees was not given to promotion boards.

"We found, for example, that a large portion of it had been sent to the St. Louis Depository for data records," he said. He said that his office was now checking over the material recovered from St. Louis.—United Press.

### Western Germany To Build Ships For Russia

The Russians have asked West German shipyards to build them 25 floating ice factories—where the catch can be processed without being landed or transferred to other ships, according to recent cables from Bonn.

Export license have already been signed for ten of them. The first will come off the stocks within twelve months.

The contract being the inclusion of radar equipment and the Germans also had to promise not to fit the ships with the gyroscopic compass.

German technicians have agreed to train Russian crews in the use of the processing apparatus. This includes the refrigerating plant and the canning equipment—which at each port will be able to deal with up to 30 tons a day—and the plant for extracting cod liver oil.—London Express Service.

### Prehistoric Bones Discovered

Art, Italy, Feb. 8. Bones from the skeleton of a mammoth believed to be about 10 million years old have been found by an agricultural worker while digging in the country near Anzi. It was learned here today.

The mammoth was believed to be a huge animal which lived in the region in prehistoric times.—France-Press.

### This Is London's St. James' Park!

91% Of World's Population have Suffered!

## Black Markets In Gold & Money Are Here To Stay

New York, Feb. 8.

Black markets in currency, precious metals and gems had their most active year in history, a leading monetary expert, international economist, and publisher of the "1954 Black Market Year-Book", Mr. Franz Pick said today.

He estimated the global volume of illegal currency and gold transactions rose from about \$12,000,000,000 in 1952 to more than \$13,000,000,000 in 1953.

Almost 1,000,000 people continued to make a living from breaking the law with illegal transactions of currency and gold, he said.

As to the future of black markets, Mr. Pick believes that they are going to continue to exist in the years to come.

"As government or central banks have chosen to take an increasingly active role in such markets, in order to avoid new official devaluations, black market recognition by those who really created them is here to stay," he said.

Only world-wide currency alignment, for which the time is not yet ripe, could create new monetary bases, without black markets," he added.

### 141 MILLION PEOPLE

He estimated that from the outbreak of World War II until the end of 1953, 2,183,000,000 people, or 81 per cent of the globe's population, lost between 54 per cent and 100 per cent of the value of their currency holdings. This, he added, resulted from "mediocre currency management."

Pick said that "bill or part" of the savings of 141,000,000 people were destroyed in 1953 by eight new "currency bankruptcies"—in Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Indo-China, Israel and Korea.

In about 50 other countries, he said, including the United States, there was some depreciation of currency in 1953.—United Press.

### An Unusual Honeymoon

London, Feb. 8.

Sally McLeod, a 20-year-old Australian potter who makes glazed earthenware bowls and dishes decorated with animal and bird designs, is leaving her London studio for an unusual honeymoon in Ireland this week.

She and her 39-year-old husband, John Seymour, intend to hire a pony and trap and tour the country at leisure with the object of finding material for an Irish travel book, which he will write.—China Mail Special.

### Once Or Twice A Day

## Americans May Have To Do Without Coffee

Washington, Feb. 8.

A Senate Sub-Committee launched formal hearings on soaring coffee prices today but Senator J. Allen Frear, Jr., said American housewives were the real key to the problem.

"Housewives can do more than we can ever hope to accomplish if they will use more coffee substitutes and milk," the Delaware Democrat declared. "The coffee people know it and it worries them."

Mr. Frear, a member of the special Banking Sub-Committee handling the investigation, suggested that Americans eliminate coffee from at least one or two meals daily as the sure-fire way to drive prices down.

Sub-Committee Chairman J. Glenn Davis (Republican-Maryland) called Mr. Gustavo Lobo, Jr., President of the New York Coffee Exchange, as the first witness at today's hearing. Mr. Lobo also testified last week before the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Beall's group, after studying the transcript of that hearing, was primed to question Mr. Lobo and other witnesses from the Exchange on some points of the earlier testimony.—United Press.

## When Is A Drunken Driver Drunk?

With a judge sitting beside them, a German car salesman, a commercial traveller and two lawyers mixed their drinks in a Bonn inn for two hours—until finally they had to be helped out.

It was part of an official test of the German system of problem cases where there is a charge of driving a motor under the influence of drink.

It began when counsel, described as a man charged with "drunkenness," was asked to prepare a legal opinion on the case of a driver who had been served equal amounts of beer

and schnapps, beer and champagne, they were assisted into police headquarters.

There, blood tests were taken from each of them.

They were all sent to different hospitals and the results will decide whether the present system of taking blood from a driver can be maintained.

—London Express Service.

### News Of Baby "Came As A Bombshell"

East London, S. Africa, Feb. 8.

A visitor on holiday gave birth to a baby in a chemist shop here.

A doctor called at the shop at about the same time and was able to help her.

"She was about to leave the shop when she let out a little scream and exclaimed she had to have her baby immediately," the chemist said. "The news came like a bombshell."—China Mail Special.

## Dean Will Not Confirm Or Deny Rumours

New York, Feb. 8.

The United Nations chief negotiator for a Korea political conference, Mr. Arthur Dean, denied today he had ever suggested it would perhaps be in the interests of the United States one day to re-examine her relations with Communist China.

But he refused to deny or confirm Press reports that he was being relieved of his present duties as chief U.N. negotiator at the Panmunjom preliminary talks.

Earlier today a State Department spokesman had declared Mr. Dean would continue to be the U.S. special envoy at Panmunjom and a condition for the resumption of the preliminary talks with the Communists was their retraction of the word "perfidy" from the minutes of the sessions held last December, as demanded by Mr. Dean.

Rumours that Mr. Dean was to be replaced began on Saturday with an article in the New York Herald Tribune by its Washington correspondent, Roscoe Drummond, which was backed up by another article in the New York Times which reported an alleged remark by a high State Department official informing that Mr. Dean himself had asked to be relieved of the assignment.

The official has since disclaimed any knowledge of such a request.—France-Press.

### STILL BEING CONSIDERED

Washington, Feb. 8.

A State Department spokesman said today that he could not indicate what would be the reply of the United Nations Command to the Communists on their recent proposal that the preliminary talks should be resumed.

The State Department still has a reply to the Communists under consideration following their suggestion in a letter to Mr. Arthur Dean, United States special envoy to the Panmunjom preliminary peace talks, that the talks should be reopened and setting February 1 as the re-starting date.

The spokesman said that Mr. Dean had held an "area of authority" in which he was permitted to suspend the negotiations in December.

He was asked specifically whether Mr. Dean would be sent back as the special representative for any reopening of the preliminary talks but replied he could not comment beyond the Department's statement that reports that Mr. Dean was being withdrawn from his assignment had "no basis in fact."—Reuter.

### 30-Year Old Gull Dead

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.

The 400 inhabitants of the five-pointed Danish city of Lyngby were today mourning the death of a female seagull, aged 30, which had been a familiar sight to the town's residents for many years. The bird, which was named Klara, was found dead in a park near the town's center.



# Marine Condron Tells Why He Quit

From RUSSELL SPURR

Panmunjom. I DROVE through Communist lines to ask 26-year-old Royal Marine John Condron, the only prisoner of war in the world to come home. He is the only Briton in the world of three United Nations correspondents to be taken into Red territory. He is the only man with these strange marks on his face. Condron is a prisoner of war from the time he was captured, and he is still smiling.



CONDON and, in the beret—RUSSELL SPURR  
It was below-zero at the "Peace Pagoda"

He looked like a Russian were real people, just a little bit different. He was a prisoner of war, but he was smiling.

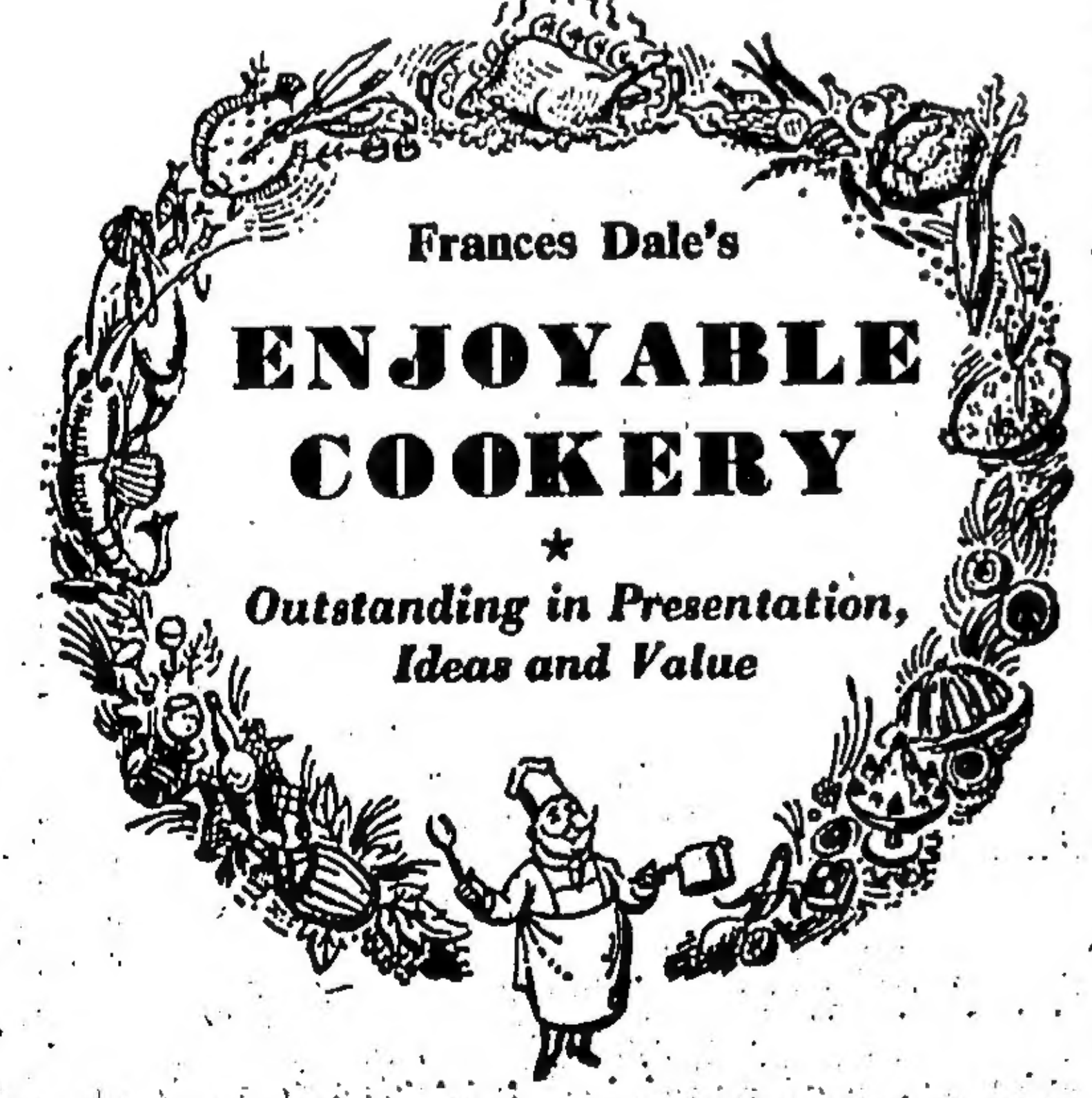
"I made up my mind not to come back about two weeks before repatriation," he told me.

"I thought about it a long time, and carefully studied the prisoner-of-war agreement before coming to a decision." He smiled southwards towards the U.N.-held hills.



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"The smile temporarily faded. 'That's a difficult question. I really need more time to answer it. I admit that in Britain political persecution isn't as violent as the United States, but the difference isn't one of principle, but of degree.'

"For the first time he was groping for words. 'Anyway, I can do more here than by going home.'

"How?" I asked.

"That's my business," he said. The smile faded again when I asked about his family. He suddenly seemed genuinely moved.

"That was the hardest decision of all," he said. "I have very close family ties. It took a lot to break them. Of course, I have written to explain why."

"Any message?"

"Yes, say this. 'Please don't worry. I realise what I am doing. Don't have any misgivings. It is being done of my own free will. I am certain everything will work out all right and I will be able to see you all again.'

It was hopeless, but I had to ask the question no one else from the U.N. side has been able to put.

"Would you care to return with me now?"

"Quite definitely not," he said. Then, after a moment's hesitation: "One day, perhaps, you'll believe me."

He smiled for the last time and vanished into the crowd. Let me take you back to the time of our arrival that morning.

I was driven by back roads to the wooden "peace pagoda" where the armistice was signed, to hear the prisoners "ask" the Communists to release them.

## Unguarded

They have been sitting unguarded in their reduced compound since January 22, when the Indians declared they could no longer keep any more Korean war prisoners in custody.

A spluttering Russian truck with a cheerful Chinese driver took me to our secret rendezvous. We stopped on a hill overlooking "North Camp," where Condron and his comrades have, for the past four months, vainly awaited explanations.

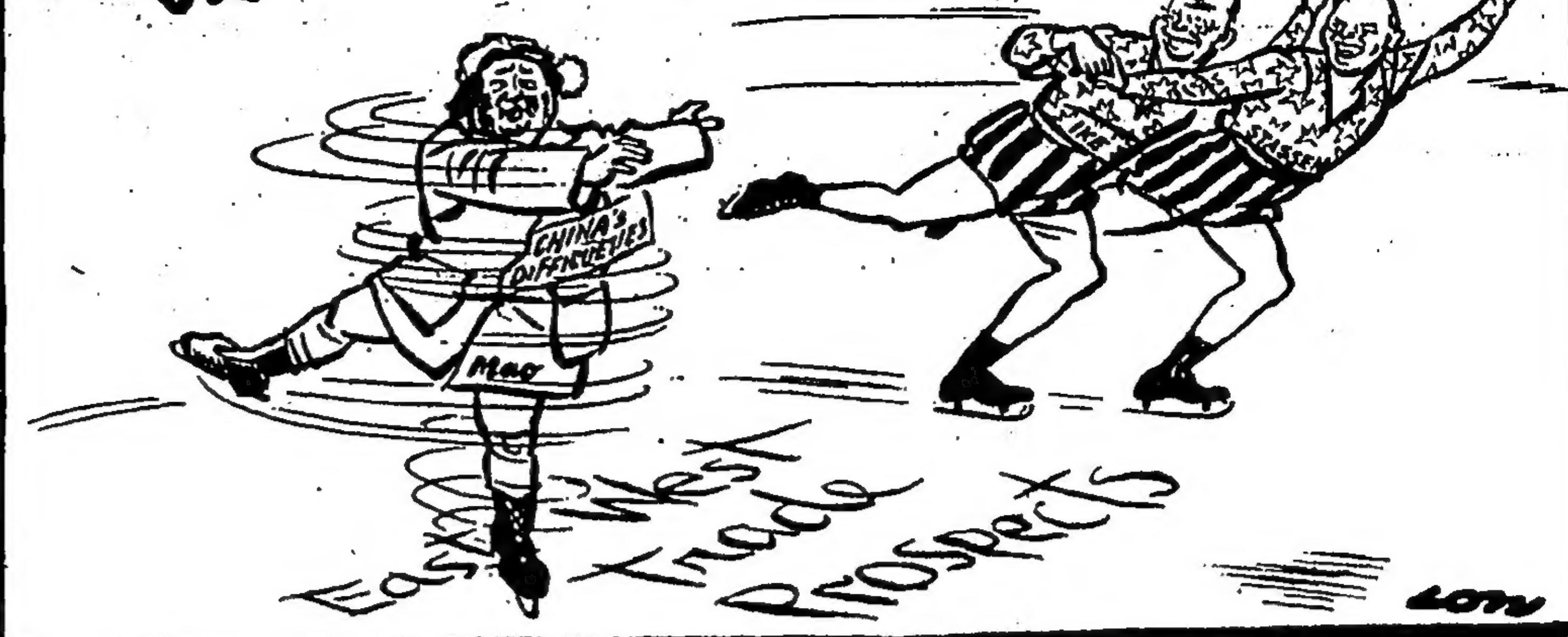
Preparations for the parade were already under way. Small figures in faded blue Communist uniforms darted among the thatched cottages which house the 325 renegade South Koreans.

A cluster of flags and banners fluttered between two pinewood huts where Condron and the Americans live in comfortable seclusion.

Properly clothed they came—marching, three abreast, through the unbroken compound gates. First the Americans and Condron, a tall, slender figure, carrying a yellow flag. Then a long line of South Koreans.

All were singing. "Solidarity for ever," the party anthem, "strong" to the tune of "John Brown's Body."

After a pause for photographs the prisoners filed into the "peace pagoda" through the main gate to the difference. You'd want 2,000 dollars for the tyre, wouldn't you? Which would make the difference about 250.



THE COLD WAR ON ICE

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# SO A MOTHER KEEPS HER BABY

KENNETH MACAULAY concludes the report of his investigation in Red Europe

I T was a waiter in a roof-top night club in Warsaw who gave me the idea of going to Otwock. He said it was only 20 miles away and a good place for fishing.

With a bit of luck, he added, I might even meet Marshal Rokossovsky, who sometimes spends a day there when he is not too busy being Poland's Minister of Defence.

The waiter said there would not be more than two or three hundred Russian Tommy-guns on guard up the trees or in the reeds to see that the marshal didn't fall in. Once through that cordon I would doubtless find him a most approachable kind of fellow. They'll say anything for a laugh, these Polish night club waiters.

## \$150 bottle

THIS waiter and I had got on friendly terms in a curious way. I was with a party and we asked if there was anything better to drink in the place than vodka.

He disappeared for a while and then returned with a bottle of French brandy hidden under his jacket. How much? A mere 1,000 zlotys (call them zwatties), which at the present rate of exchange is about £150.

I thought this could be my turn to get a laugh so I said: "I'll tell you what. I'll swap you a motor tyre for the brandy."

A silly thing to say, really, because the only way of getting a tyre in Warsaw is to jack up a foreign diplomat's car and steal one of the wheels.

The waiter, however, took me seriously. "Sorry," he said, "but I couldn't find enough money to make up the difference. You'd want 2,000 zlotys for the tyre, wouldn't you? Which would make the difference about 250.

Ah chips!

HOWEVER, the day I went to Otwock, there was no sign of Marshal Rokossovsky.

I made one of the villagers a present of a bottle of Danish beer and he rowed me out to a place where he knew there was a fish.

We fished and chatted. His English surprised me until he revealed that he had been in England during the war.

"But," he said, jerking his head in the direction of the village, "I don't tell them that. Someone would only go and tell the police that I have a record and then I'd be in gaol as 'politically unreliable'."

He talked wistfully of Britain. He said he still dreamed sometimes of fish and chips in the Edgware Road.

Then he said: "Why don't you and the Americans come in and free us? Even a war would be better than life under the Russians. They're scared of the Americans, besides, you'd win."

I said: "Do you suppose the British and the Americans are going to start a third world war just to oblige you?"

He sighed. "No," he said. "But it would be nice for us, wouldn't it?"

exception from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Not one of the Communist regimes in Europe was elected with a majority at the polls, so that it is a fair question to ask: "When are the British coming in to set us free?"

Have they been won over? If not, are they doing anything about getting rid of the system that rules their lives? Or are they just waiting for the clouds to roll by?

In Prague, if you keep your eyes open, you can see the initials T.G.M. chalked up on an inconspicuous wall. They stand for Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, the great Czech patriot and first President of the Republic. They show that some people at least have not forgotten the days of their country's true democracy.

"Thumbs up"

IT was in a market town 220 miles east of Prague that I found myself standing in the square next to a man who was giving a furtive "thumbs-up" sign to British motor-cyclists driving through in the International Six Days' Trial.

I said to him casually and in English: "Where did you learn to give that signal?"

He examined my Press brassard, issued to all reporters covering the rally, and then whispered: "I was a pilot in a Czech R.A.F. squadron. But we can't talk here. Follow me."

We walked and talked in a quiet side street. He asked me exactly the same question as my Polish friend at Otwock: "When are the British coming in to set us free?"

I had to tell him, too, that it was not our business to go about the world interfering with other nations' forms of government.

He said: "It is very difficult for us to put things right unaided and by ourselves, but we do what we can. Our best weapon is passive resistance, go-slow and bad workmanship. Sometimes things go wrong," he added ambiguously.

"For instance, there is a tractor station near here with ten machines in it. Only two of them are working—and they'll be having mechanical trouble by Monday."

But it has to be recognised that the satellite countries have some solid social achievements to show for their regimes.

Pay for it

INTERESTING as an example of the "new look" that Communism gives to society is the case of Arenskaya, whom I met in a Sofia textile factory.

It was explained to me in a delicate but completely unembarrassed way that she had omitted to get married, but now

had a baby just over three months old.

"Tell this journalist," said the interpreter, "the arrangements the factory made for you."

Said Arenskaya (who, for all her Russian name, is Bulgarian born): "The factory released me on full pay a month before the baby was born and for two months after. In addition to State maternity benefits, I got the birth bonus of 100 leva (about £8), and the family allowance of 12 leva a month (roughly 12s.)."

"Now that I am back at the factory, I shall work two hours a day less for the next six months, and I can go on light duties too, if I like, without loss of pay."

"They told me at the clinic that I did not have to keep the baby if I did not want to, but they would expect me to nurse it for the first 20 days. After that it would be adopted by the State."

Arenskaya, however, did keep her baby so the State will give her a 20 percent increase in pay until the child reaches the school leaving age of 14.

"You see," said the guide, "we have progressed beyond the bourgeois-capitalist concept of a child being illegitimate."

Communism, it cannot be gainsaid, is privileging the previously under-privileged. There are free secondary education and technical training. There are industrial and widows' pensions, cheap rents, holidays with pay.

All this—but, as you will have gathered from these articles, not freedom too.

# ARE THE CLERGY SLIPPING BACK ON DIVORCE?

By George Malcolm Thomson

HAPPILY married for 39 years, A. P. Herbert addresses himself with fervour and learning to the cause of those who are not so fortunate: the men and women whose first marriage has come to an end through divorce and whom, even if innocent, the Church declines to remarry.

Sir Alan has particularly in mind the Church of England. Presbyterians, who are certainly not lax on moral questions, have a more liberal attitude to this marriage problem. Yet he points out that, for the Church of England, or for that of Scotland, marriage is not a sacrament. See the 80 Articles.

HIS APPEAL

He politely submits to the clergy that:

1—The scriptural evidence for a rigid ban on second marriage is not conclusive. Matthew's Gospel suggests that, in certain circumstances, divorce, and a new marriage are permissible.

Where theologians, prelates and churches differ, Herbert does not presume to decide. His appeal is, essentially, to the Christian philosophy, rather than to the phrasing of a single text.

2—The tradition in the Christian Church as a whole is neither so clear, nor so unanimous on the divorce issue.

3—The Church of England, as a whole, is not so clear, nor so unanimous on the divorce issue.

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as is sometimes alleged. The modern Roman Catholic position is known to be rigid. But divorce has always been permitted in the Eastern Church, which is as far as possible removed from heresy or "modernism."

THE TRADITION

These facts, however, lie in the background of Herbert's main task, which is to inspect the practice and theory of the Anglican Communion.

He has no difficulty in showing that the outlook of the Church of England was not always so severe as it has recently become, and that the appeal to "tradition" is, in this case, liable to lead to embarrassment.

The Archbishop of York declares that "The Church is on the strong foundation of Holy Scriptures in refusing to give its blessing to those who wish to re-marry while the previous husband or wife is still living."

But Randall Davidson (Archbishop of Canterbury, 1903-1930) flatly denied that subsequent marriage after divorce was sinful and Mandell Creighton (Bishop of London, 1897-1901) said: "I could not advise any of my clergy to refuse to solemnise a marriage of an innocent party who genuinely desires God's blessing. I prefer to be in the side of charity."

While the present Bishop of Chichester declares that refusal

of the marriage advice in these circumstances is of very long standing indeed, Dean Rusdell, who died 30 years ago, said that it was a "public scandal" to assert that the Church has always condemned divorce.

There are questions as to whether some confusion of mind, Herbert thinks they indicate something worse—regression. He thinks that the Church of England is less on the side of charity than it used to be. And he quotes bitter and bigoted remarks made in the 1920s by Anglican clergymen about living state-men and other public figures.

He finds that the "right to marry" has been whittled down since 1857. In that year, the Act of Parliament which set up the divorced courts laid down that no Anglican cleric could be compelled to marry anyone divorced for adultery but, if he chose to do so, he was not to be censured.

BISHOPS' BAN

Herbert himself had a hand in the whitening process. His 1937 Act, which extended the grounds for divorce to cruelty, desertion and insanity, said that the Church of England clergymen could refuse to marry anyone divorced on any ground.

In other words, the Church need not marry either the innocent or the guilty.

A year later, the bishops forbade their clergy to marry the divorced, or allow anyone else to do so in their churches.

"The right to marry" was removed, although it is doubtful if the bishops had any legal force, and doubtful if bishops could do much with offending clergymen beyond being "very objectionable" to them.

Now it is proposed to give the ban the status of Canon Law. All four Houses of Convocation have agreed; only the consent of Parliament is wanted.

The triumph of the "vigilance" and reactionaries in the Church of England is all but complete.

A NEW ACT?

Against this danger, Sir Alan raises his voice in urbane but cogent argument. He suggests that the position might be restored by a new Act declaring that, while no clergyman can be compelled to marry a person whose marriage has for any reason been dissolved, no clergyman can be penalised if he does so.

As a final gesture of liberalism, he proposes a change in the wording of the marriage vows, which, when asked whether he or she will love, cherish "as long as ye both shall live," the answer of husband and wife will be: "I will, but I will endeavour to do so, God being my helper."

It is a little, but it is a step in the right direction. Sir Alan's plan takes from the Anglican tradition of adults. And Baptism, unlike Marriage, is a sacrament. But it is unlikely that even this argument will be compelling enough to persuade the bishops to the proposed change.

And now Mr. Herbert has ordered a welfare officer to investigate the case.

AMERICA COLUMN  
from  
NEWELL ROGERS

# Too Many Amateurs

New York. MOTHERS are arguing whether too many amateurs can spoil a baby boy.

Yes, says a man, Mr. Roman Harneski, child welfare chief of Illinois.

He condemns Dr. R. G. Buzzard, head of Eastern Illinois State College, for talking over the baby, aged six weeks, for the rest of the school year.

Dr. Buzzard passed the child on to supervisor Ruth Schmalhausen, who teaches home management.

In her house girl students take turns at looking after the baby.

They bath him, feed him, and do all the work. At the end of the baby goes back to mother.

Miss Schmalhausen says baby, girls, and mother benefit. Not baby, says Mr. Harneski.

He says: "A child's pattern of security begins to crystallize in the first year of life. All babies need the continuous care of one mother."

And now Mr. Harneski has ordered a welfare officer to investigate the case.

FROM schoolroom to courtroom in one day is the strange "lesson in living" befalling a mother in Half Day, Illinois.

Mrs. Mary Dawson's son Frank, 13, kept running away from school, so they expelled him. Mrs. Dawson took a folding chair and sat down in his classroom. She said she would stay all day, every day, until they took Frank back.

A policeman took her to court on a charge of disorderly conduct. And a petition has been filed against her and her farmworker husband. It could make Frank a ward of the court.

IN COURT at Warren, Pennsylvania, Norman Moon pulled out a gun and shot Judge Allison Wade dead.

The judge had just called him to the bench to explain why he was not keeping up payments for his wife's support.

Moon ran out and drove away. Police chased him for six miles and then a bullet stopped his car.

Moon fired one more shot — and killed himself.

READ the list of all-time film money-makers in American cinemas and you will find that a British picture ("Red Shoes") is 43rd. Its U.S. earnings are put at 5,000,000 dollars (\$1,785,700).

Being the list is "Gone With the Wind," shown first in 1939 and starring Vivien Leigh, with 26,000,000 dollars (\$9,285,000).

But the new wide-screen religious picture, "The Robe," with Britain's Jean Simmons, is being touted as a rival for top place. The film trade estimates its eventual "take" at between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 dollars (\$7,000,000 to \$10,700,000).



JACOBY  
ON BRIDGEWatching Details  
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Opening lead—♥ Q



"If my husband were here he could figure this out in a jiffy—in fact we could attack him with the whole thing!"

BY THE WAY  
by Beachcomber

IT has been ruled by Customs, with whom I am proud and happy to associate, that shopping bags with flaps at the bottom cannot be relieved from purchase tax because it is possible to close the tops by means of the flaps.

Hags with only one flap, which can be half closed, are to be considered as having two flaps. One-sided bags with flaps at the wrong side cannot be closed unless held upside down and therefore are exempt from the tax, as are paper clips without clips, buttonholes without buttons, buttons without holes, toy water-proof shoes, dummy eye-cups, and various wicker-bowls (under pointed brows).

"And, oh, the dalliance and the wit!"

RHODA's vocabulary is restricted. Sometimes she says to me, "Oh, you are a very clever man, aren't you?"

The next step is to push the queen of clubs. You then lead the low trump to dummy's ace and ruff a low club with the ace of trumps. This ruff establishes the club, and you can overtake the queen of trumps with dummy's king, draw the rest of East's trumps, and run the club.

Now see what goes wrong if you allow dummy to hold the first trump trick with the eight. You lead a club to the queen and return a trump to dummy's king in order to ruff a club. But it doesn't matter whether you ruff the club with your new trump to queen—you cannot return to dummy to draw East's trumps.

It isn't enough to be dealt the eight highest trumps in the deck. You must still use them in the correct order.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North Pass South West 1 Heart East 1 Spade Pass 2 Diamonds Pass 7-4.

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-3, Hearts Q-3, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs K-J-9-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have 10 points in high cards, plus 1 point for the queen of partner's bid suit. The combined count will be enough for game if your partner has about 15 points, and since this seems highly probable you must make a second gesture towards game. Your bid shows your strength, your distribution, and your stoppers in the unbid suit.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-7-3, Hearts K-3, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs K-J-9-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

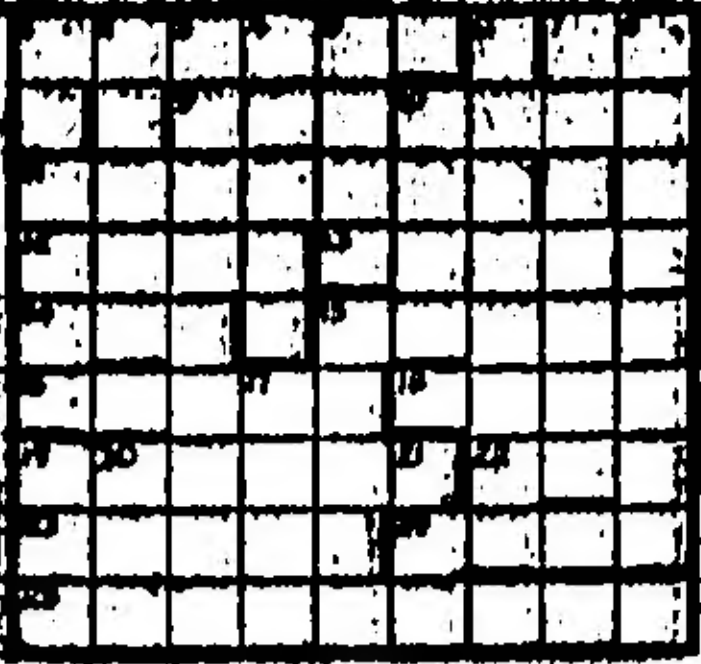
## DUMB-BELLS



## WHAT'S HIS LINE?

EWART B. PARKER  
Beating the odds and still winning.  
(Solution on Page 10)

## CROSSWORD



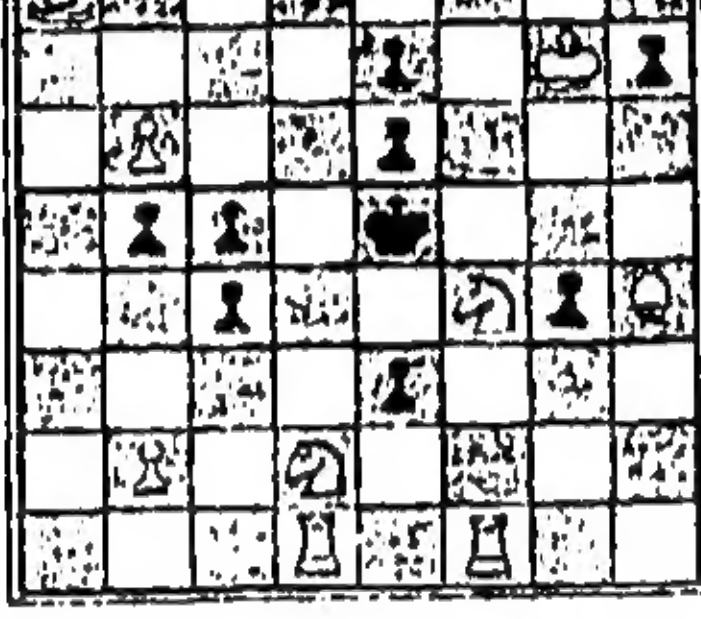
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3. Apollo seen in this mix-up, (5)  
4. Green flat man, (5)  
5. This is a bit of a twist, (5)  
6. These make a pair for something unimpressive, (5)  
7. It never flies, this bird, (5)  
8. Five village has some of these holidays, (5)  
9. Maudslayi, (5)  
10. One of the flowers, (5)  
11. Little thing there's been a big noise about, (5)  
12. Curious and uneven, (5)  
13. King in France, (5)  
14. The fastest rail did, round the rugged rocks, (5)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By I. LENA

Black, 9 pieces.



White to play, 9 pieces.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q-KR1, any; 2. Q, R, B, or Kt mate.

## WOMANSENSE

## STRAW IN THE HAIR



This beach hat of raffa was shown as one of the fashion accessories during the Spring Collection of Paris dress designer Jacques Fath in Paris recently.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When preparing gelatin dishes, remember the gelatin mixers should be chilled to the consistency of an unbeaten egg white before the ingredients are added. Then the solids will remain evenly distributed.

A non-abrasive cleaning powder on a damp cloth will clean starch from an iron.

A nut pick is a handy addition to the sewing basket. The blunt end is ideal for turning bolts while the sharp end can be used to pull out corners after the bolt is turned. The pick also is handy for removing basting stitches.

Always wash egg stains in cold water.

In pressing corduroy, iron on the wrong side of the fabric. You'll protect the pile if you put a turkish towel on the ironing board, under the material.

To remove iodine stains from linens, rub the stained areas with a slice of lemon.

## Queen's Dressmaker Refuses To Yield

By Dorothy Barkley

London. From his private collection of Norman Hartnell, the Royal dressmaker, has refused to join the short evening dress brigade.

True, he does show one or two of the short variety in his new collection, but it's the full length dress that triumphs.

He produces 25 magnificently embroidered models to prove his point. One in white net layered over sea green satin, called "Aphrodite," shimmers from top to toe with mother-of-pearl embroidery; another, in stiff white satin, has the peacock's fan-like embroidered on it in sapphire stones.

And he has this to say to the designers who promote the short dress and neglect the long:

## IT'S A MUST

"The short skirted evening dress is a perfect medium for a perfectly medium occasion. But the formal full length dress must remain a necessity for grand occasions."

Hartnell specialises in clothes the fashionable woman wears to fashionable events of the English summer. All his designs have a well-bred elegant look and are not affected by fashion's whims and fancies. There is for instance, a slate-blue fitted shantung coat over a copper coloured dress in a new wool and satin mixture, and a violet brocade dress and jacket with the leaf pattern in the brocade picked out in silver embroidery.

For the young, there is a full skirted dress in pink lace. It is topped by a real garden party hat the size of an umbrella consisting of layers of pink organdie. And there is a dress with a picture frame neckline in slate-blue glazed cotton—looking like silk—with clusters of roses printed on it.

Many of Hartnell's colours are the same subtle shades of blue found in famous china—in Willow Pattern, Worcester and Wedgwood. His inspiration came

## ORIENTAL INFLUENCE

At Michael Sherard's, blossom prints predominate. The delicate patterns recall those found on Chinese and Japanese paintings. There is an apple blossom silk print for a dance dress, a cherry blossom silk print for an afternoon dress and a blue satin ball dress with appliqued almond blossom.

## DRAPES FOLLOW CURVES

RONALD Paterson, the newest member of the Big Twelve, presented at first collection that was elegant and feminine.

Busts were lifted and emphasised by every kind of drape and fold. Soft diaphanous materials were draped to follow each curve of the body. Deep waistlines certainly show up any figure imperfections.

Some of Paterson's materials were interesting combinations. Cotton with wool, silk, mohair, or even string presented entirely new fabric faces.

Lachasse showed many beautifully tailored plastic suits and loose-fitting overcoats with channel seams based on geometric shapes.

Their Zephyr jacket is a perfect summer innovation. It is a short overcoat with open sides designed to cover a suit or frock on cooler summer days when a top coat is not needed but a little extra warmth is required.

—EILEEN ASCROFT

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Owl is a Peculiar Roommate

—Chirpie Says He Sleeps at the Wrong Time—

By MAX TRELL

CHIRPIE SPARROW came to the window sill for his morning bread crumbs. After he had eaten several crumbs, he chirped loudly calling, "Knaart! Knaart!"

Knaart and Hamid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, hurried to the window to see what Chirpie wanted.

"Morning!" Chirpie Sparrow greeted them.

"Morning!" said Knaart and Hamid.

"You know," said Chirpie, as he ate a few more crumbs.

"I almost thought I was never going to see the morning any more."

"Oh, dear," said Hamid. "What happened?"

Nothing Serious

"Nothing very serious," replied Chirpie, "except that it had me worried for a while. It all started when I took a trip out to the country and met my friend, the Owl."

Knaart and Hamid were both curious to hear about Chirpie Sparrow's worrisome adventure when he met the Owl, his friend.

"It seems pretty funny now," Chirpie said, "and I suppose, all in all, it is pretty funny. But it didn't seem very funny to me until it was all over. Well, as I started to say, I met my friend, Owl. It was around dusk and he was sitting just inside his living room in the apartment he has in a hollow tree."

"Well, Owl started to tell me what a lonely fellow he was, that he had no friend to talk to or visit with."

"I'd give anything," he said, "Chirpie, my friend, if you'd move in with me. I've got this nice, big apartment. There's plenty of room for us both."

"Well," said Chirpie, "I got to thinking about the little hole-in-the-wall that I call an apartment in town, and I decided right away that living with Owl was a much better idea. So I said: 'Fine, Owl, old boy! I'll move in with you right away.'"

"Wonderful," said Owl. "You can bring your clothes and things here tomorrow."

"I haven't got any clothes and things," I said. "I'll just move in the way I am."

"So I moved right in," said Chirpie to Knaart and Hamid. "By this time it got around to being supper time. But when I mentioned it to Owl, he looked surprised."

"Supper time?" he said. "It's just breakfast time."

"Gosh, Owl was all mixed up," said Knaart to Chirpie.

"That's what I thought," said Chirpie. "But we didn't breakfast just the same at the very time whenever everybody else has supper. Finally it got time to go to bed. And I mentioned this to Owl."

"Bed?" said Owl. "Nonsense! It's just time to go out!"

"So out we went, and out we stayed all night long, flying around in the darkness by the dim light of the moon. We ate lunch in the middle of the night, and supper just before dawn."

"Look," I said to Owl, as it began to get light in the east, "it will soon be daytime. We'll be able to fly around some more."

Owl Astonished

"This time, Owl really looked at me in astonishment. Daytime, he said, is for sleeping."

Chirpie Sparrow sighed. Then he chuckled. "And that's how it went for the next several days! We flew around all night, ate breakfast, dinner, and supper when everybody else was asleep—and slept all day, when everybody else was awake. I began to feel inside out, upside down, topsyturvy, higgledy-piggledy. I just couldn't stand it any longer. Fortunately, Owl's a good fellow. His feelings weren't hurt when I told him I couldn't live that kind of a life. He understood. We're still good friends, and I live back in my hole-in-the-wall again in town. It's wonderful to see the morning. It's wonderful to have breakfast when it is breakfast!"

And Chirpie, having finished all the bread crumbs on the window sill, spread his wings cheerily and flew off into the sunshine.

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Once again it was the little West Indies spinner, Sonny Ramadhin, who struck the blows. With the total at 35, he had Willie Watson stumped, and ten runs later had Peter May caught. Both wickets fell in 25 deliveries. Ramadhin's two wickets cost only eight runs.

Len Hutton and Denis Compton played 15 minutes before the usual time for drawing stumps. The first of the West Indies innings was a great knock by Clyde Walcott, plant Barbados all-rounder, who hit 220, including one six and 28 fours, in 397 minutes for his highest Test score against England.

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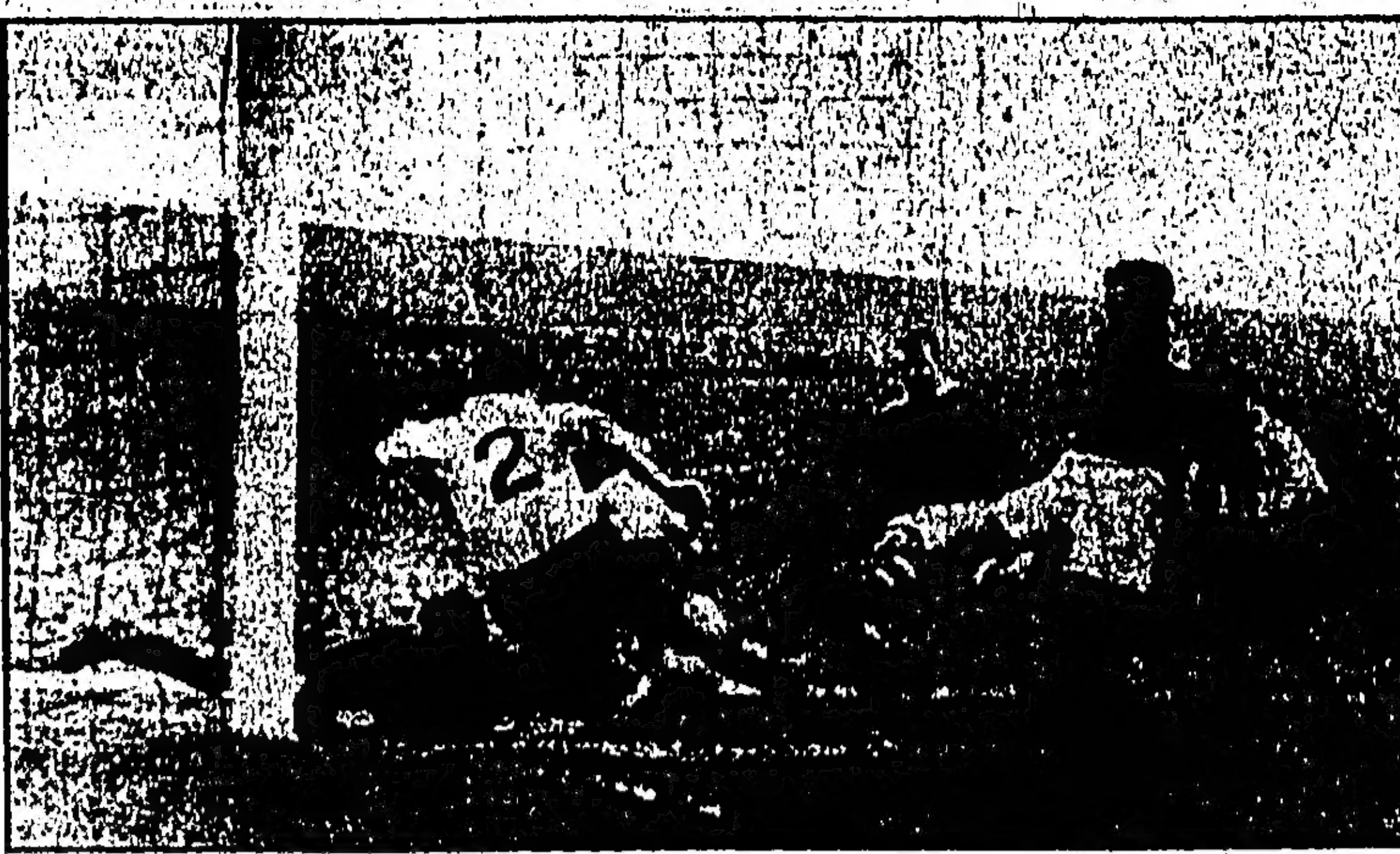
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It was a victory for youth, speed and brilliance of stroke and Roshan, on his first appearance in England, thoroughly deserved it.

The match lasted 27 minutes. The Egyptian took an early 6-3 lead in the opening game but Roshan rallied with a series of drop shots to take the game at 6-6. Karim collapsed in the next two games, which the young Pakistani won by the one-sided scores of 9-0 and 9-1.—France Press.

London, Feb. 8.

## Schoolboys Start Well In Colony Open Tennis Championships

By "ARGONAUT"

The 33rd Annual Hongkong Open Grasscourt Tennis Championships opened yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club courts accompanied by the usual features and something more besides.

There was the usual sprinkle of spectators searching and hoping for new talent to come to the fore among the new faces, for the privilege of which an admission charge of \$1 will have to be paid at each session during this year's tournament.

Conspicuous among the crowd were the many parents as many schoolboys again made an intensive start in this year's Championship.

They were slightly nervous in the earlier stages of the games but recovered fast enough to win most of their matches by comfortable margins. Only casualty was Sandy Lin who went down to South China's C. C. Kao by 3-6 and 1-6.

Lin displayed a fine service and a forceful array of strokes but was either erratic or too inexperienced to turn them into good account on a great number of occasions.

Schoolboy Champion Francis Ma gave a strong challenge by N. Jallit up to 3-3 in the first set, after which the schoolboy's accurate forehand drives gradually pulled him ahead to win by 6-3 and 6-1.

The Schoolboy runner-up, M. C. Ng, with a more free and attractive style than Ma, was taken to three sets by his unorthodox opponent, T. H. Shaw, before winning by 6-4, 4-6 and 6-2.

"I am happy that he now has a chance to play against Saubolle," said his father "not so much with the hope that he can win, but to see how he will shape against a better-class player."

INCREASED ENTRIES  
The innovation of charging \$1 for gate admission to every session produced at least one result—an increased number of entries and an increased number of new names, a number of whom entered the Championships for the main purpose of obtaining the blue season card.

It is not likely that there will be any among the newcomers to make a strong challenge to the supremacy of Ip Koon-hung or even the other seeded players in this year's Championship.

Yesterday one of the best hopes of the crowd, C. A. Braun, who was eighth-seeded in the California Universities' tennis circuit, bowed out in the first round to former Java ace B. S. Lie by 2-6, 7-5 and 6-1.

In easily the best of the eight matches played yesterday, Braun, displaying a strong service and accurate forehand drives, took the first set comfortably. Lie, who delighted the local crowd about five years ago when playing for the visiting Java team against Hongkong, was only a shade of his former self, but showed glimpses of his old form in the second and third set, when he gradually moved down his opponent with sizzling forehand side-spin and backhand diagonal drives.

Braun appeared to be unaccustomed to the hot court and was visibly affected by the falling light, but showed himself capable of much better tennis than he produced yesterday with a little more practice.

THE RESULTS  
Results of yesterday's matches: F. Lorne beat P. Yuen 6-2, 6-4, 7-5. Lie



## AT 85, HE STILL PLAYS GOLF



Mr Sidney Fry, 85 last month, who has had 59 years of London golf, seen on the first tee at Royal Mid-Surrey, Richmond.  
Seven times a golf international, Mr Fry has also won the Amateur Billiards Championship on eight occasions. His first victory was in 1893 and the last in 1921.—Express Photo.

Slacks For Golf, Ladies?  
LOOK IN THE MIRROR FIRST!

Says JEAN DONALD

(Former Scottish Women's Golf Champion and British International)

Until 20 years ago women golfers were considered quite unladylike, because they dressed in the conventional fashions of the day.

Then suddenly this illusion was shattered by the arrival of a young woman on the first tee at the 1933 English championship at Westward Ho!, wearing—of all things—trousers!

The wearer, Gloria Minopoli, when I myself first slacks the best right, but not in a d. weather. Those neat and smart Lady's slacks, which were a new thing, looked when, as Joyce Wethered, she was Queen of the Links. And how charmingly feminine was Mrs. A. C. Cuthbert, better known in golf as "Auntie" Cuthbert. I can't remember seeing either of them dressed in slacks.

THE IDEAL  
The ideal golf dress, in my view, is a skirt cut fairly tight with an inverted pleat or a box pleat to give a little width—a wide skirt only flaps in the wind. A pocket for tees is handy.

Over a blouse one can wear one or several loose-fitting sweaters or jerseys.  
Avoid anything tight, this only restricts the swing. Shoes must be low-heeled and comfortable and should have

A MYSTERY  
How these experts swing a golf club at all is a mystery. Tightly constricted, they wear voluminous jackets with leg-irritation sleeves, high collars, and a boater or wide-brimmed hat. Almost as laughable were the outfits of the "shapeless" 20s. Skirts barely reached the knees, jerseys were long and straight, and, surrounding all, was the abominable cellophane hat, which everyone looked exactly like everyone else.

No, don't let's go back to those days, but let's be smarter and more feminine. If only some women would look at themselves back-view in a mirror. I'm quite certain they would never wear trousers again.

There are, I admit, stormy, freezing, or pouring wet days.

AGF Member  
Malaya Voted

Manila, Feb. 7.  
Malaya has been elected a member of the Asian Games Federation and this will participate in the second Asian games scheduled to be held in Manila from May 1 to May 9 this year. Dr. Reginald Ylanan told Agence France-Press today.

Cambodia, though still short of one vote, is as good as elected for the further disclosed. The approval of Malaya's membership boosted to 19 countries the constituent body of the Asian Games Federation.

Although Dr. Ylanan was officially silent about North Borneo, it was gathered from unofficial sources that North Borneo's application was rejected by a postal vote by members of the Council of the Asian Games Federation.

Dr. Ylanan stated that 20 votes of the total 26 members of the Council had been received. Malaya secured 20 votes, two more than the required majority of 18, thus ensuring the membership of that country.

Cambodia received 17 votes with three against its admission. But since five more votes are forthcoming (two Japanese, two Indonesian, and that of the Asian Games Federation President, Mr. Jorge Vargas of the Philippines, who favors Cambodia's admission), Cambodia is assured of an 18-vote majority and admission of the Asian Games Federation, Dr. Ylanan pointed out.

The counting of 20 postal votes, already received by AGF Council, spelled the election of North Borneo's application by members of the Council. It was unanimously accepted this morning.

Stephen Xavier's 220 Yards in 22.7 seconds—the fastest ever run by a local athlete—was ratified as a new Colony record at the HKAAA meeting last night, and is, officially, the new record for the distance.

The Committee also extended congratulations to the winner Mr. G. Kennedy-Sidpion of the road walk—over approximately one mile and 597.4 yards—in registering the excellent time of 19 min. 04 sec. for the distance—the equivalent of the mile being 7.28 sec., which compares favourably with times registered in competition over the world and to Medhurst and Capt. Spooner, second and third in fast time.

The Committee decided, however, that in view of the rule necessitating the establishment of records on tracks only, this remarkable time could not be considered as such, but only as an extremely fine effort. For the same reason it also regretted that it could not grant the first three standard Medals they deserved.

Continuing with the first item of the agenda—the Hongkong v. Kowloon sports meet—it was decided that precautions would be taken in the future to prevent the loss of personal belongings left by competitors near the track whilst competing in events.

There were three instances where competitors reported articles missing, and these included the disappearance of a highly valued—though not technically—pair of trousers by one of the Service participants.

CHAMPIONSHIPS  
There will be two important athletic meetings next month. The Inter-School Sports will take place on March 15, 17 and 19, and this will be immediately followed by the Colony Athletic Championships on March 20 and 21, taking place in the South China stadium.

Both meets will take place in the South China stadium.

In the first, meet the cream of the Colony's school athletes will vie for premier honours.

Three interesting decisions reached were—

1. Services—Army, Navy and Air Force—would be considered as separate units for team events.

2. A maximum of two teams from each affiliated member were permitted to be entered for team events.

3. There will be a first, second and third prize for each individual event.

## SPOTLIGHT ON PRESTON NORTH-END

THERE ARE TOO MANY  
FICKLE FANS SUFFERING  
FROM FINNEYTIS

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

There are far too many fickle fans suffering from Finneyitis—those Saturday-night-at-the-local types as far afield as Wigan, Kendal, Tarleton, Ormskirk and outlying districts, who pay the rest of North End's playing staff a poor compliment by calling for Tom Finney's song and burst into singing "Just a Rose in a Garden of Weeds."

To them I can only say many a manager in the country would like to do a bit of weeding at Deepdale. I would also warn them that if there's much more of this Finney—Finney—Finney business, we'll be spelling his name *finis* before long.

For quite a time now modern Tom has shouldered more than his full share of responsibility at Deepdale. So much so that his absence from the Preston line-up has had an adverse psychological effect on his team colleagues.

Rather than disappoint everybody concerned he has turned out many a time when he should have been resting the deep-seated, difficult-to-treat groin injury which has been responsible for his missing nearly half the League programme to date.

Tom has carried on unconflinantly, even though the injury recurrence, through lack of proper rest, cost him his place in the England team.

It may be a tribute to Finney's skill and popularity, but I for one feel it's a sad state of affairs when the public regards his non-appearance in the team as a personal affront. I have in mind the howls of righteous indignation when the public was not informed until late on a Saturday morning that Tom would not be playing against Liverpool.

"Why were we not told before?" "Catchpenny, that's what it is," they said, not knowing the story of Finney's reason for dropping out of the side. It would have been highly dangerous for Finney to play that day.

I always wear a left-hand glove to help me get a firm grip on the club and keep my hand warm in winter. When it is very cold, I carry a pair of fur-lined gloves to wear between shots. It is impossible to play well with cold hands.

Women often grumble because their husbands never notice what they are wearing. Can you honestly blame them—sometimes?

Henry Cotton once said to me: "When a woman plays golf in a skirt, it lends grace to the swing." What better advice could one have?

(London Express Service)

## TOM—AND 10 MORE

Admittedly, Tom Finney is an entertainment in himself. His in-and-out of the team existence is largely responsible for Preston doing nothing exceptional this season.

Preston folk can argue as long as they like about whether Tom is a better proposition than Stan Matthews, but when, oh when, are they going to realise that other players go to make a team?

My advice to Deepdale followers is to get out of the one-man-track mind and be grateful that

WEEK-END  
HOCKEY

The following is the schedule for hockey games for all divisions of the league for the week-end and for the week-end following:

SATURDAY  
Ladies' Division  
Victoria v. Dorians on Police Ground, 2.30 p.m. (Umpire: Mr. G. Baldwin, Vauxhall Road).  
KGV v. Vauxhall on KGV Ground, 2.30 p.m. (Umpire: P. Xavier).  
Recreo 'A' v. Recreo 'B' on Police Ground, 4 p.m. (Umpire: M. M. J. Peters, Wolf II Bell).  
KGV 'A' v. DGS on KGV Ground, 4 p.m. (Umpire: A. L. Nery, Rozal).

SUNDAY  
Men's First Division  
RAF v. RAF on RAF Ground, 1.30 p.m. (Umpire: Fitz/Corden, D. P. Wharry).  
Recreo 'A' v. Dutch on Recreo Ground, 1.30 p.m. (Umpire: Maj. Boycott, J. B. Gonsalves).  
Argonauts v. RN on Army Ground, 1.30 p.m. (Umpire: Nathan Singh, P. Xavier).  
Army 'B' v. YMCA on Army Ground, 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: S. Palmer).

Men's Second Division  
Sookumpoo v. Thunderbolt on Army Ground, 1.30 p.m. (Umpire: Maj. Walker, Sgt. McMenon).

HKIC v. Aces on Army Ground, 3.30 p.m. (Umpire: Lt. Donald-Fratt, Lt. Wood RN).  
Police v. Police on Police Ground, 1.30 p.m. (Umpire: BSM Turton, L/Cpl Moore).

Mo. Sports HC v. HKAAF on Mo. No. 1 Kings Park at 1.30 a.m. (Umpire: Sgt. Davis, BSM Turton).  
February 28  
Ladies' Division—KGV 'A' v. Recreo 'A' on Victoria Ground.

Men's First Division—Thunderbolt v. Army 'B' on Vauxhall Ground.  
Men's Second Division—HKIC v. Recreo 'B' on Police Ground.  
Men's Third Division—Argonauts v. RN on Army Ground.

Men's Fourth Division—Sookumpoo v. Thunderbolt on Army Ground.  
Men's Fifth Division—HKIC v. Aces on Army Ground.  
Men's Sixth Division—Police v. Police on Police Ground.

Men's Seventh Division—Mo. Sports HC v. HKAAF on Mo. No. 1 Kings Park.

Men's Eighth Division—Sookumpoo v. Thunderbolt on Army Ground.

Men's Ninth Division—HKIC v. Aces on Army Ground.

Men's Tenth Division—Police v. Police on Police Ground.

the team as a whole still play the old type of football which makes Preston, Tottenham Hotspur and Everton the most attractive opposition in the country.

Meet the most enthusiastic Preston player who isn't—Ken Horton, whose goal-getting has done so much to lift Hull City out of the doldrums.

Manager Scot Symon and myself braved the cold to watch a 14-a-side game played with grim determination on Deepdale's frost-bound pitch as part of the Cup training.

## INTRIGUING LINE-UP

The line-up intrigued me—Charlie Wayman, at right back, Tom Finney at centre-forward, Tommy Docherty, alias "The Doc" at wing-three-quarter, and Ken Horton in the role of loose forward.

It wasn't long before the old infernal triangle was working as efficiently as ever. Docherty, to Finney on the wing, switch inside out to Horton and back to Docherty again.

My thoughts then went back to Derek Lewis, whose tragic death left such a gap in Preston's attack. And I felt that although Horton is now a Hull "Tiger" he is still proud Preston at heart. He still works in the closest partnership with Finney, as secretary of Finney Brothers Ltd.

These are busy days for Finney Brothers. Freeze-ups and burst pipes are their meal ticket and Tom came in for quite a lot of leg pulling—"Grand weather for plumbers." "Have you remembered to bring your tools, Tom?"

Meanwhile, Scot Symon discussed likely lads of the future and said he had high hopes for Leslie Campbell, the 18-year-old youngster who the week previously caused Newcastle to regret some of the unkind things they said about his native Wigan.

## AWAY WITH THEORY

"We have Eric Jones, a local inside-forward who played on the wing against West Bromwich Albion and Burnley, and Raymond Evans, another local showing promise at inside-left," said the manager, who is eagerly awaiting the return to form of leggy Denis Hattell, centre-forward stand-in for Charlie Wayman.

"Hattell's form has suffered through an ankle injury and it's merely a case for regaining lost confidence," declared Scot, whose chief concern is building up half-back and defensive strength.

Failing to get Bill Dickson after the Irishman had been given a peg in the dressing room and issued with training kit was a big blow to the manager's hopes.

"I don't know what went wrong, but whatever it was we missed a really grand player," he said.

Scot Symon does not believe in cluttering up players' minds with a lot of theory. He agreed with me that blackboards can be a menace to the game, except for instructing the youngsters. Preston's style is traditional and he proposes to keep it that way.

"Working out plans in advance is all very well if the briefest about the opposition could be foolproof. I remember the bad start Rangers got off to against the Dynamics. We could have beaten them if we hadn't been misinformed that they never tackled or went for the ball with their heads," said the Preston manager who was a big factor in turning the Russians in the second half that day.

No spotlight on Preston North End would be complete without a tribute to Jim Taylor, one of the finest spotters of soccer raw material of our time. He it was who recognised the tremendous potentialities of wee Alex James, and, refusing to take "No" for an answer, subsequently signed him from Raith Rovers for £2,250, which was £280 more than instructed by the board to pay.

He is unlikely to forget his journey back with James from Scotland to play at Middleborough. "The car sprang a leak over the Cheviots and we had to stop at every farm-house to beg water for the radiator," he recalls.

Time was maintained. Alex was a great attraction, but, only a few days later, he was only a ground, that he paid the team's

travelling expenses out of increased gates on the 20 per cent basis.

Another of his remarkable strokes of talent-spotting was Andy Beattie, who became an international and Cup finalist within a few weeks of making his League debut for North End.

It was an education to see Jim Taylor briefing the directors before sending them out to all parts of Scotland to watch players, and, contrary to general belief, it was not a case of money is no objection on these missions.

There have been days at Deepdale when the team and officials undertook their journeys by cheap excursion, and a celebrated occasion when the railway refused to book the team to Cardiff until they saw the colour of North End's money.

Ever-present, travelling colleague on Taylor's talent-spotting trips was his old friend Nathan Buck, the present chairman, known to his many friends throughout football as "Nat."

Between them they were in at the signing of practically every Preston player of the past 35 years or more. When Nat took over the chair which he was occupying when I was invited to meet the board he needed no reminding that whatever the results Preston must never depart from insistence on the best possible type of football.

## ALWAYS THE BEST

"That still stands, does it, Mr. Chairman?" I asked. "Most certainly," he replied, adding that one of his happiest of many happy moments was when "by traditional and cultured style of play, North End regained their First Division status in 1950-51 after only one season in the Second Division."

Yet another proud day in Proud Preston's record, apart from the Cup triumphs, was when Andy Beattie, Tom Smith, George Mutch and Bill Shankly all figured in the same Scottish international side.

And if any Preston players are selected for this year's Scotland v. England international, and the two inseparable Tommies—Finney and Docherty—could well be, a supporter certain to make the journey to Hampden is ex-policeman Sergeant Bob Hilton, a cripple well past the first flush of youth but self-confessed "North End die."

## TD SWIM CHANNEL

In his younger days he used to walk to Blackburn to see Bob Crompton play and has walked or cycled to Manchester, Ormskirk, Bury and goodness knows where to watch Preston.

"Aye, and if they had played in France in those days I'd have swum the Channel," he told me as we chatted at the bar of the Bridge Inn, Penwortham, where Jim Smith, brother of Bob, the North End's director, is mine host.

Equally keen supporter I met at the 55th Division Association Club in Chapel Walk, is Dave Vickery, who although minus an arm lost in world war one, used to be a regular competitor in the Morecambe Bay swim, repairs watches for fun, and drove me back to my hotel.

It was Dave who first tipped me off about Tom Finney long before he hit the headlines. "There was never a better," he said, and Tom proved him correct.

IT MEANS SUCCESS  
All kinds of medals have been won at Deepdale, by no means the least valuable being the club's life membership medal presented to Jim Taylor at the banquet by Sunderland in the Cup final at Wembley.

Quite unique, however, is the medal director Tom Smith carries in his waistcoat pocket. On one side is inscribed: "On Active Service. Medal for Football."

It was for what we used to describe as blood, mud and slush football, behind the lines," he explained.

I left the friendly atmosphere of Preston's boardroom firmly convinced that the club are due for another cycle of League and Cup honours. The team spirit, all round, both on and off the field, and among the backroom boys, is bound to produce success if the fans rally round and give the team, as a team, their full support instead of creating a division that Preston are a one-man team.

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Dumbarnie Is Likely  
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Lincolnshire Bet

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

Dumbarnie, Monsieur Isy, Sailing Light and Swashbuckler are among the present unofficial favourites at around 100-6 for the Lincolnshire Handicap (to be run on March 24), while no chances are being taken with Dolancourt, Langton Brig, Nahar and Sunny Outlook.

The only object of betting on the Lincoln at this stage is to beat the market, and, with the horses mentioned above, there is little chance of this.

One sure way in recent years of not losing money on the Lincoln has been to support Jack Jarvis's selected and then lay off the bet. As he has had three winners of the race and always a well-backed runner, this has shown a handsome profit.

At the present stage a backer must guess between Fastnet Rock, Stormy Hour and Swashbuckler. Racecourse rumour has persistently advocated Swashbuckler, but it can be only rumour.

WON ONE RACE  
Swashbuckler appears harshly handicapped with 8st. 8lb. Last season he won one race, at Liverpool in March, and was not even placed again during the season.

To win the Lincoln, therefore, Swashbuckler will have to make abnormal improvement. This may not prove beyond him, but I would like to wait for Jack Jarvis to return from his holiday, and for Swashbuckler to show considerable strength in the market before taking his side.

Of all the horses mentioned above, Dumbarnie is likely to prove the best for hedging. This horse is reasonably handicapped and in the autumn appeared to develop into a more than useful miler.

In finishing fourth in the Cambridgehire, he was in front of Sailing Light, whom he now meets on the same terms. He is also well handicapped with 8st. 8lb. on the Midland Cambridgehire form.

At Newmarket the first seven in the Cambridgehire, apart from Dumbarnie, finished on the far side of the course, and trainer Humphrey Cottrell was not alone in thinking that Dumbarnie might have won with a better draw.

Sailing Light was certainly in front two furlongs from home on the far side, and the handicapper appears to have taken as a guide their relative positions at a mile.

(London Express Service)

INDIA WANTS TO  
STAGE NEXT ASIAN  
TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Madras, Feb. 8.

The All-India Lawn Tennis Association intends to stage the fourth Asian Championships in Madras during the winter of 1955.

N. K. Ramani, Secretary of the Association, said today that the All-India Association had decided to stage the tournament in Madras.

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## Japan's "Forbidden Army" Is Now 110,000 Strong

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

America's decision to reduce her Far East army divisions is seen by many Japanese as recognition that Japan is no longer a "dead weight" and is now able to play a role in the Asian defence bloc.

Japan is pledged, in her mutual security pact with the United States, to build up forces which can contribute to her own defence.

Her new American-style army of 110,000 men is considered equal to at least five American divisions.

Japan military analysts say the new divisions have from 10 to 15 times the fire power of the old Japanese division.

Japan is expected to increase her army strength by about 30,000 this year.

Theoretically, Japan, under the Constitution introduced by General Douglas MacArthur, cannot have an army.

Whether the present forces constituted a breach of the new Constitution was made one of the big political issues here last year.

Article 9 of the Constitution states: "Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people, for ever, renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation, or the threat or use of force, as a means of settling disputes with other nations."

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The anti-war Constitution to the outsider, seems difficult to reconcile with an army 110,000 strong, complete with tanks, howitzers, machine guns and recoil-less 75's, and a navy of 9,000 men with 18 frigates and 50 smaller patrol boats.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, since at the instance of America he first established a "National Police Reserve" in 1950, has strongly

rejected charges of a breach of the Constitution.

His most recent statement was: "I will not amend the Constitution until the country proves itself capable of amending."

This was seen as an acknowledgment that Japan must some day have a new Constitution, not to justify an open bid for rearmament, but to justify an already accomplished fact.

It was sufficient assurance to coax back into his Liberal party most of a group of 32 who last year left the party declaring themselves against unconstitutional and secret rearmament.

"INVISIBLE REARMAMENT"

These breakaways, led by the veteran politician, Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama, wanted "open rearmament for defence" and now consider that they have as good as got it.

One leading columnist summed it up: "The process of invisible rearmament at the hands of the Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, is now over, and the process of visible rearmament is beginning."

This same writer reported that a leading Japanese politician, while on a visit to the United States, was told by a former member of the Occupation force who drafted Article 9 of the Constitution, that above anything else the Japanese should amend the Constitution.

If any encouragement were needed for open rearmament regardless of the Constitution, it was given by the United States Vice-President, Mr. Richard Nixon, during his visit to Japan last November.

"It was at the insistence of the United States that Japan disarm," he said. "I am going to admit that the United States did make a mistake in 1940."—China Mail Special.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### STREET SCENE

MUCH has been written and said about the endless entertainment which the West End street scene provides, the comedy and drama played out on the bustling pavements.

But for people like Mark, who cannot afford entertainment of any other kind, the simple pleasure pays in time.

Mark is a tall, under-nourished man of 38. He has a bad criminal record—11 convictions for all sorts of crimes.

Yet, during the war, he was given a good character in a branch of the Services that does not hand out praise for nothing.

#### DRIFTING, WANDERING

SINCE his five years' war service, Mark has drifted round, getting himself fairly humble jobs when he could, never managing to hold one for any length of time, and every now and again getting into trouble and going to prison.

Lately, he has been out of work, and so has had to spend his days wandering about the streets, a part himself of the fascinating, ever-changing street scene.

He has been living in hostels, the kind of hostels where you may not claim your bed until a certain hour—which, if you have all the hours of the day on your hands and only a few coppers in your pocket, can be a great trial.

"Waiting for my bed, I generally take a stroll along the streets," Mark said to Mr. R. H. Blundell, the Bow Street magistrate. "I do a lot of walking in the streets," he added, the slight, occasional stammer somehow making it sound as if he relished the aimless promenade.

#### ONCE—A SHILLING

MARK had pleaded not guilty to a charge of being a suspected person, loitering with intent to steal from parked cars. Two detectives had told of watching him try to door-handle in streets near Charing Cross. Now, he was defending himself.

"I always stroll along the gutters," he said, warming up to his subject. "Once I found a shilling in a gutter, and a quite often I've found six-pennies." His eyes shone with the happy memory.

"If I have a s-spare couple of hours in the evening," he went on, as if it was only most rarely that pressure of business allowed him such pleasure, "I then I usually go and watch p-people in the streets—and look in the gutters."

"Last night I found a book, b-but when I picked it up, it was only the covers of a book." You could sense the pang of disappointment.

#### THE KEY QUESTION

WHEN he had been searched, a car ignition-key had been found in his pocket. Now, the detective-sergeant pounced on him with studied politeness. "Do you drive a car, Mr. So-and-So?" he asked.

"C-course I don't," said Mark. "But I did in the Services."

"Why did you have this key?"

"I found it in the gutter, w-weeks ago. It isn't necessarily a car-key, is it? Mightn't it be the key of some great safe?" He smiled, but his joke fell flat.

"You seem to be leading a very miserable and wretched life," said Mr. Blundell to Mark. "I don't see that I can do anything consistent with my duty apart from sending you to prison for three months."

"I see, thank you," said Mark. A curious little smile played on his face. There was no bitterness on it. It was as though he was thinking "I am part of the endless comedy played out on London's entertaining streets. I am the fall-guy."

## Americans Frustrated By Canal Zone Dispute

Washington, Feb. 8. American officials said today that they felt they were "caught in the middle" of the deadlocked Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Suez and could see no direction in which to move at this time.

There is a definite air of gloom overhanging that section of the American government concerned with affairs in the Suez area. Officials say frankly that things look bad at present for any settlement of the problem.

The United States for many months has patiently prodded first one side and then the other in an effort to bring them to agreement on the terms for evacuation of British troops from the Zone.

Now the two points which still block agreement—whether British technicians remaining in the Zone shall wear uniforms and under what conditions British troops could return to the Canal—appear insoluble in the light of the opposing attitudes.

#### TWO ATTITUDES

The United States, which considers neither of these points incapable of solution, has been presented with the following attitudes by the disputants:

1. The British contend that all that is necessary is to "wait the Egyptians out." They have found American officials that Premier Mohammed Naguib and his Government are counting on "US impatience" to force the issue in their favour. London's idea, as related to American officials here, is that continued withholding of US military and economic aid will finally bring Naguib to capitulate on the remaining two points.

2. The Egyptians, on the other hand, have equally firmly said that they cannot make a single further concession to the British point of view without risking withdrawal of popular support from the Naguib Government. They assert that, much as they want American aid, they cannot buy it at the price of giving in on the two points.

#### CAN DO NOTHING

American officials declare that, faced with these positions, they can do nothing for the time being. They still hope for some "break" in the situation.

American officials admit that their current policy of holding back American aid for Egypt does tend to support the British policy of "waiting the Egyptians out." However, they emphasize that this policy on the part of the US could be changed if conditions warranted it.

The pressure which the United States was putting on Britain to compromise further appears to have eased greatly after reports from London that any further concessions by the Foreign Office probably would mean the fall of the Churchill government.

The uncertainty surrounding the Egyptian situation has given rise to rumours that the US Ambassador to Cairo, Jefferson Caffery, may soon be "eased out" of his post. There has been no official confirmation of these rumours but many diplomatic officials would not be surprised to see Mr. Caffery transferred or withdrawn after another few months. If nothing further is accomplished.

#### HARD BARGAINING

It is recognised that such a move probably would be unpopular with the Egyptians, since Mr. Caffery is credited with having personally secured about 85 per cent of the concessions Britain has made in the Suez dispute.

Mr. Caffery's hard bargaining is said to have irked the British and the assumption in Washington is that they would not be sorry to see him out of Cairo.

However, all rumours to that effect so far appear premature. —United Press.

## Hemingways Escape Plane Crashes



## Press Photographer Seized By Police After Snapping Queen

Sydney, Feb. 9. The Sydney morning newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, today alleged that detectives "whisked" one of its photographers to a police station yesterday and destroyed photographs he had taken—including one of the Queen.

In a front page editorial headed "Petty Caesars try to stop you from seeing the Queen," the paper said the Queen turned and smiled towards the photographer as he took a picture of her driving slowly into Government House yesterday.

Two New South Wales detectives leapt from a car travelling behind the Queen's, seized the photographer's camera and ordered him into their car, the paper added.

The police took him to a police station and destroyed all pictures in his camera, the Telegraph alleged. "The Telegraph editorial asked 'under what law did these policemen act?'"

"Did their orders come from Scotland Yard policemen who are accompanying the Queen?" "If they did, then the men from the Yard showed a lamentable lack of judgement and ludicrous lack of appreciation of what this visit by the Queen means to Australia."

The paper added: "So far on the Royal tour there have been no indications that the Queen regrets having her photograph taken." "If she wished none to be taken yesterday, the press staff could have called together senior executives of Sydney newspapers and asked that photographers be withdrawn for the day," the Telegraph said.

As the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh left here for Newcastle today, a further appeal was made to Australians to be considerate to the Queen and not crowd too close to the Royal car.

Mr. Eric Harrison, Minister in charge of the Royal tour, said: "I appeal to people not only in New South Wales but all over Australia to be considerate to Her Majesty when she moves among them, and therefore make her journey more pleasant." Steady rain here and in Newcastle did not deter large crowds from gathering in both towns and at places along the railway line to see the Queen on the first day of her country tour in New South Wales.

In Sydney large crowds gathered at an early hour outside Government House and along the route to the Central Railway Station when the Queen boarded the Royal train.

Along the route the crowds were noticeably thinner, and quieter than on any day since the Queen arrived in Sydney. At the station another crowd waited to bid farewell to the Royal train.—Reuter.

#### NEWCASTLE READY

Newcastle, Feb. 9. Many British immigrants now working in factories, steel mills and mines around Newcastle are among the thousands who have poured into this great coal and steel city to greet Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh here today.

Police estimated that 280,000 people were in the streets last night looking at the decorations, trains and cars from country districts have been pouring into Newcastle since early yesterday.

The Hemingways smile—as well they may after surviving two air crashes in the jungle. Author Ernest ("Papa") Hemingway and his wife Mary pose for the camera at Entebbe, Uganda, after the experience. Plaster covers injuries "Papa" received as he butted open a plane door in crash No. 2.—London Express photo by radio.

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Japan, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
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Pakistan, 10 a.m.  
Thailand, Noon.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
N. Borneo, Rabaul, Australia New Zealand, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

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Japan, Noon.  
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Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.  
Macao, 9 a.m.

## Camera Spots Wreckage

Aboard the Sea Salvor off Elba, Feb. 8.

An underwater television camera today revealed unidentified wreckage on the sea bed close to the spot where a British Comet plunged into the sea last month with the loss of 35 lives.

A photographer on the warship took three photographs which experts will examine and interpret later.

Meanwhile, experts were examining two pieces of salvage from the Comet, fished up by Italian trawlers. The objects were a suitcase, believed to have come from the plane's rear baggage hold and containing woman's underwear, shoes, toys, a coral necklace and a metal panel nine feet by five feet.

The panel came from the plane's starboard wing, near the engines and was marked with the letter 'C'—part of the Comet's identification number 'GALV'.

## FIERCE INDO-CHINA BATTLE

## Union Forces Run Into A 'Maginot Line'

Hanoi, Feb. 9. French Union forces early this morning returned to Dien Bien Phu after running into a veritable Vietminh "Maginot Line" around the beleaguered fortress.

The returning Franco-Vietnamese troops gave graphic descriptions of one of the most fierce battles of the present campaign with several French Union battalions, moving eastwards over jungle-covered mountains, running into a hail of fire from well-entrenched and well-armed rebels.

Dug in on the slopes of the mountains overlooking the strategic French fortress, the Vietminh units attacked the French Union battalions with fierce artillery fire from Japanese seventy-fives and other weapons. A bitter artillery duel lasted for two hours and Bercant fighters from the airstrip at Dien Bien Phu joined in the fray to make the battle one of the most severe of the present Vietminh drive.

Wounded soldiers interviewed last night at the hospital in Hanoi described the fighting as "terrific." They said that French planes wrought havoc among the Vietminh with napalm bombs and that French Union soldiers found it difficult to tell friend from foe in the din of automatic-weapon firing from all sides.

#### POSSIBLE STRATEGY

In Hanoi, it was considered possible, after last night's fierce battle, that the Vietminh commander, General Vo Nguyen Giap, might not launch a full-scale attack on Dien Bien Phu, guarding the strategic supply routes from the Chinese border into Laos, but merely hold on to his entrenched positions around the city to pin down the French defenders there.

Meanwhile, Franco-Laoan forces and the Vietminh were playing hide-and-seek in the valleys converging on the royal capital of Luang Prabang.

French troops last night were holding a zig-zag defence line extending from Muongnai, about 50 miles north-west of Luang Prabang, to the Namhou valley, 50 miles north of the capital.

Forward units of the Vietminh were reported in the Pakkeng region, about 35 miles north of Luang Prabang, where round-the-clock defence preparations were in full swing.

Regional Vietminh units—a kind of light guerrilla force—were reported to be active in the immediate vicinity of Luang Prabang, where the Namhou and the Namsong rivers converge with the Mekong.

The final battle for Luang Prabang is expected within the next few days.

#### MOPPING-UP

In North Vietnam, a big mopping up operation is still in progress after starting yesterday and over 200 Vietminh casualties have been reported in an attempt to infiltrate into the Ninh Binh region, south of the Red River delta.

As the fighting grew in intensity, French defences were being bolstered by an American decision to ship more planes and technicians to Indo-China, and the seriousness of the situation was illustrated by the flight of the French Defence Minister, Mr. Rene Pleven, to Saigon, and the return to Paris of the Secretary of State for

## Vivien Leigh Has Accident

London, Feb. 9. The British screen and stage actress Miss Vivien Leigh broke her left wrist on Monday night in a fall during a performance in the Phoenix Theatre here.

She was acting in a Terence Rattigan play written for her and her husband, Sir Laurence Olivier, called "The Sleeping Prince". —France-Press.

## Compromise Unthinkable Says Paper

London, Feb. 9. The Manchester Guardian today argued that there can be no compromise on the principle that elections in Germany must be genuinely free.

If the Western Foreign Ministers were to agree to any arrangements without provision for free elections they would be guilty of handing the German people over to dictatorship, the Liberal newspaper commented.

While Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Russian Foreign Minister, refuses to consider safeguards for elections, the thought that the Western Ministers could compromise with him was false, the Manchester Guardian editorial added.

To some people the Berlin conference is irritating because it has not failed more quickly and more clearly, the editorial said. "It can be said—and with reason—that on most points the Western plan is not the only possibility," the Manchester Guardian declared.

"Quite evidently it would be possible to unify Germany much as Mr. Molotov suggests by letting the East and West German Governments draw up a constitution and negotiate a peace treaty."

"Quite evidently also it would be possible to reduce foreign garrisons in Germany earlier than the Western plan proposes."

"But there can be no compromise on the principle that elections must be genuinely free."

"This is not a matter of considering Western interests or of manoeuvring for position—as in past other plans in the plan may be. It is a matter in which the Western Powers have a clear duty quite apart from their own interests."

"If they were to agree to any arrangement without safeguards for free elections, they would be guilty of handing the German people over to dictatorship. They would be handing the whole of Germany over to the grim fate of Czechoslovakia."

"While Mr. Molotov refused to consider safeguards for elections, the thought that the Western Ministers could compromise with him was false," the Manchester Guardian concluded.—Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I wouldn't wear that minuscule hat, Uncle Oscar, or he'll never pay us that money he owes us!"